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SUBJ: ZAMBIAN PRESS REACTION TO OAU SUMMIT

1. OVER WEEKEND BOTH DAILY PAPERS PLAYED SELECTION MBOUMOUA ETEKI AS OAU SEC GEN IN STRAIGHT NEWS VEZF, CITED FONMIN MWAANGA'S POST-BALLOTING COMMENT THAT ZAMBIA WITHDREW HER CANDIDACY "IN ORDER TO SAVE AFRICA FROM PERMANENT DIVISION AND PERHAPS EVEN EVENTUAL COLLAPSE." MWAANGA PRAISED ETEKI AS CAPABLE MAN WHO WOULD DO HIS BEST, BUT SUGGESTED AFRICA'S LEADERS SERIOUSLY LOOK AT REMOVING "CONTRADICTIONS" AND ADOPT A MORE POSITIVE AND ACCOMMODATING APPROACH OR OAU WILL RUN INTO SERIOUS DIFFICULTIES.

2. TIMES OF ZAMBIA UNDERLINED GROWING BLACK AFRICAN DISGRUNTLEMENT WITH ARABS OVER OIL POLICY IN SUNDAY SPECIAL ARTICLE ENTITLED "WAS AFRICA SACRIFICED TO BLACK GOLD?" ARTICLE COINCIDED WITH JUNE 17 ANNOUNCEMENT OF 9.4 CENTS PER
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LITRE INCREASE IN ZAMBIAN GASOLINE PRICE. PRICE HIKE ATTRIBUTED

TO ARAB OIL POLICY AFTER YOM KIPPUR WAR. ARAB PLEDGES TO
TREAT AFRICA AS A SPECIAL CASE RECOUNTED. AS WAR WANED,
"ALLURE OF BLACK GOLD BECAME SO STRONG" THAT ARABS SOUGHT
MONEY RATHER THAN REDEMPTION OF PLEDGES TO AFRICA. ARTICLE
CRITICIZED MEAGERNESS OF ARAB SPECIAL FUND, SUGGESTED DOLS
200 MILLION FUND NOT RPT NOT MUCH FOR 30 NON-ARAB OAU
MEMBERS WHEN ZAMBIAN OIL IMPORT BILL ALONE GOING UP FROM DOLS
56 MILLION TO OVER DOLS 150 MILLION. STATED INTERNATIONAL OIL
COMPANIES NATURALLY FAVORING THEIR TOP CUSTOMERS, HENCE
OIL GOING TO THOSE VERY COUNTRIES BLOCKADE SUPPOSED
TO HURT -- ANOTHER CASE OF ARAB PRINCIPLES BEING SACRIFICED
FOR MONEY. THIS WOULD NOT RPT NOT HAVE HAPPENED IF AFRICANS HAD
ACTED IN UNITY. REVIEW CONCLUDED "AS LONG AS AFRICAN STATES
AGREE TO DISAGREE ON FORMING A SOLID POWERFUL BLOCK AS OTHER
REGIONS HAVE DONE, AFRICA WILL CONTINUE TO BE DANCING TO
FOREIGN TUNES."
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